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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Son Born—

A. L. Leinenweber is a happy father. The stork visited his home on Sunday night and there is now a son and heir.

Warrants Now Ready—

Warrants on the various funds of the city have been signed by the Mayor and are now ready for delivery.

Declaration of Intention—

Alexander Reineck, a native of Finland, has filed his intention to become an American citizen.

Marriage License—

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Aleck Harold Hayberg and Rose Lawson, both of Astoria.

City Treasurer Gets Busy—

City Treasurer Dealey was a busy man yesterday paying out about \$1100 of the city's money, and endorsing warrants to the amount of \$3000.

Ordinances Approved—

All ordinances passed at the last meeting of the Council have been approved and have received the signature of Mayor Wise.

Christmas Exercises—

The Christmas exercises of the Sunday school of the First M. E. Church will be held in their rooms this evening at 7 o'clock. An appropriate Yuletide program has been prepared.

Case Postponed—

The case of Dr. Knisely, charged with practicing dentistry without a license, which was to have been heard today, in the justice court, was postponed until Friday.

Two Deeds Recorded—

But two deeds were filed in the county court office yesterday, they being those of the Theo. Kruse Catering Co., to Fred L. Hager for lot 11, block 10, Gearhart Park for \$250, and Chas. Laitly and wife to Peter Johnson, lots 27 and 28, block 36, Hyland's, Astoria, \$1500.

Services at Grace Church—

The Children's carol service and Christmas tree will be held at Grace Church this evening at 8 o'clock. The offering for the Child's Comfort Coat No. 3 at the Good Samaritan Hospital will be received. The Christmas day services at Grace Church will be held at 6:30 a. m. and 10 a. m. with offering for the aged and infirm clergy fund.

Elects Officers—

The regular meeting of the Central Labor Council was held last night and the following officers elected: President, O. Tangen; vice-president, C. E. Lankester; secretary, J. L. Moore; financial secretary, H. M. Loran; guide, Jas. M. Glover; guardian, Tony D'Elia. The installation of officers will take place at the first meeting in January. No other business came before the council.

Assault Case Dismissed—

Ernest Johnson yesterday had Charles Neas arrested for assault, the outcome of a dispute in a game of cribbage. Judge Goodman thought a trivial matter and dismissed the case.

County Court—

The county court will meet today to take up several pending matters, including some finishing touches on the new court house.

Christmas Services—

There will be early morning service at the First Lutheran Church tomorrow, beginning at 5:30. The choir will render Christmas chants and anthems. Miss Lindquist will play the violin obligato in the solo parts. Children's Christmas entertainment tomorrow evening at 7. A splendid program has been prepared. To above service and entertainment all are cordially invited.

Burglary In Uppertown—

A burglary is reported from Uppertown, in which the residence of P. A. Berglund was entered, and some jewelry stolen. The house was entered by forcing a door and entirely ransacked, the contents of drawers and shelves being scattered about. The family were absent at the time, which made it easy for the burglars. No clue has yet been obtained by the authorities as to the culprits.

Did a Good Job—

Jean Bussing, the driver of Chemical No. 1, has been utilizing his spare time, at the engine house, in constructing a toy locomotive and Pullman car as a present to his boy. The result of his work shows good mechanical ability in that line, the only just criticism, possible, being the upholstering of the seats in the "Pullman." He also made a couple of sleds so that in case of snow, and the train cannot be used, they can be utilized for the enjoyment of the youngsters.

Judge and Mrs. C. J. Trenchard are enjoying a visit from their daughter, Miss Trenchard, which will extend over the holidays.

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A MYSTERIOUS CASE SOLVED

BODY OF MATT KAKKONEN FOUND HANGING FROM TREE ON SUNDAY—HAS BEEN MISSING TWO MONTHS.

Robert Svenson and Herbert Johnson, two boys who were looking for Christmas trees, on Sunday, in the woods, at the end of Twenty-ninth street, made a ghastly discovery which solves a mystery of two months' standing. While searching for trees suitable for the purposes intended, they found the body of Matt Kekkonen, hanging from the limb of a tree by a small rope, doubled, the body being somewhat decomposed. They were frightened and hurried home, not reporting their find until yesterday morning, when they informed K. Larsen, who in turn notified Coroner Pohl, by telephone. Mr. Pohl secured the services of J. T. Settem, Ludwig Larsen, S. Sieferson and John Mattson, who carried the body out of the woods and it was then removed to the morgue.

The body proved to be that of Kekkonen, who disappeared mysteriously on November 4th from the Clatsop Mills, where he was employed, leaving his dinner pail at that place. A reward of \$25 was offered for information as to his whereabouts but nothing was heard of him until the gruesome discovery on Sunday.

In a pocket of his coat was found a bottle of carbolic acid, while on a log near his feet, was found a whisky flask near empty. It is hardly likely an inquest will be deemed necessary as the evidence of suicide was plain. The deceased was a native of Finland, 37 years of age and leaves a widow but no children. He will be buried today.

Files Final Report—

Dr. F. V. Mohn, who has recently resigned from the position of city physician, has filed with Auditor Anderson his final report. He mentions raising the quarantine on several families, and thanks the Mayor and his friends on the Council for courtesies extended. Dr. Mohn also recommends in the report that an ordinance be drawn making the board of health an independent institution, like the school board, with full and well-defined rules and regulations as to the duty of the city physician.

Badly Burned—

On Monday evening last while visiting with her parents at the home of Mrs. Grossman, little Tannette Jaloff, had the misfortune to trip and fall against a hot stove, badly scorching the right side of her face from eye to chin. Dr. Estes was instantly summoned and treated the burns and she is now improving slowly, but surely, with the promise that the injury will leave no lasting marks on the baby-face. It was a narrow shave for the little one, and her parents and their friends are infinitely glad it was no worse.

Case Dismissed—

In the justice court yesterday afternoon Carl Wager, accused of passing counterfeit bills, was up for hearing. The charge was preferred by Charles Jeffries, better known as "Jeff" and when the case was called the complaining witness was not on hand, he being out of the city. There were no other witnesses in the case, and Howard Brownell, who appeared for the defendant, claimed a dismissal, under the law. There was nothing else for the judge to do but dismiss the case, Assistant District Attorney McCue's hands being tied by the absence of the complaining witness. The man has been in jail since November 16.

Stolen Painting—

The collector of customs has received a circular letter from the Treasury Department, at Washington, stating that the Department of State requests that efforts be made to prevent the admission of a valuable painting, by Van Dyke, which was stolen from the Church of Notre Dame, in Courtrai, Belgium, on December 6. The title of the picture is "The Elevation of the Cross," and in size it is 34 metres by 2 metres by 80 centimetres.

A Jolly Time—

The Eagles held a Christmas social at their hall last night, and a regular Eagle time was had. Turkey and mince pie were the pieces de resistance, and there was plenty of both. An impromptu program was carried out which was enjoyed by all. Al Seafeldt, Jas. Hannaford, Chas. Wesche, C. J. Curtis and Chas. Wirkkala were the committee of arrangements and they did their duty well. If you meet an Eagle today with a broad smile ask him where he was last night.

Tax Levies—

The county clerk has received notification of tax levies as follows: Road district No. 15, Jewell, 10 mills; road district No. 9, Svenson, 10 mills; road district No. 14, Necanicum, 10 mills; school district No. 30, Warrenton, 5 mills; school district No. 22, Svenson, 6 mills, and school district No. 3, Clatsop, 5 mills.

Arthur Van Dusen, yell leader of the University of Oregon, is home for the holidays from Eugene, and is visiting his parents and many friends.

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The Police Court—

Judge Anderson's round countenance was transfigured with a smile of geniality, a reflection of the near approach of the Yuletide gladness (we assure you it was nothing stronger, as the Judge never indulges), as he took his place upon the municipal court bench yesterday afternoon. The grist for the mill of the Blind Goddess was light, and City Attorney Abercrombie presented to His Honor only three complaints, two being inebriated persons who having deposited \$5 with Chief Gammal, their non-appearance called for a forfeiture of their bond and the order was so made. A Mr. Okase Peterson appeared on the other complaint as violating the ordinance which throws upon gentlemen or others living around houses, the reputation of which is not savory. Officers Linville and Houghton testified that if Mr. Peterson had worked, since returning to Astoria, they had never caught him doing it, and that his principal habitat was the joint kept by one "Big Swede," whose principal place of business appears quite frequently in police court documents of late, as being the rendezvous of questionable characters. Mr. Peterson explained to the court that he was "going" to work, and His Honor not to be outdone in magnanimity, proposed to Mr. Peterson that he be allowed to hire him, on behalf of the superintendent of streets, for the next 15 days. The case of W. L. Sargent, for

living in a house of ill fame was called and the jury composed of S. L. Nanthrup, A. McPharlan, T. J. Peterson, H. Zapf and Wm. Eigner was sworn in, and the matter continued until Thursday at 2 o'clock.

Building Collapsed—

At an early hour yesterday morning the building occupied by Bell, the photographer, collapsed, entirely wrecking the establishment. For some time, it is said, the building has been in danger of its underpinning giving away and dropping the structure. The rear portion fell completely and the front partly followed. The contents of the building, consisting of paraphernalia, pictures, negatives, etc., were totally destroyed, and it is thought that the damage will approach \$2000. The loss on the building, which was owned by G. W. Lounsberry, will probably fall on Mr. Bell as it is said that a clause in the lease provides for the property being kept in repair by the lessee.

Special Tax Levy—

The members of the school board and taxpayers of Warrenton District No. 30 met last evening and voted to levy a special tax of 5 mills.

J. C. Stone, of Portland, manager of the board of fire underwriters, was in the city yesterday.

B. Van Dusen is in receipt of a telegram from his nephew, Dr. Millard Wadleigh, of Ely, Nevada, saying that he would arrive in Astoria today on a visit to relatives.

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